



CODS CORNER

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Mrs. Hubert Bourne, President

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is greetings and best wishes for the upcoming daffodil season and my "swan song" of President's messages to you in CODS Corner. I have enjoyed being your President the past two years and feel we have accomplished much. I know you will give our up-coming President the same cooperation.

We celebrated our 10th Anniversary during my term as President, hosted the American Daffodil Society Convention and National Show and received accolades from around the world as to our expertise and great organization. We have a fine educational garden at Whetstone Park, had successful bulb sales and have a fine publication in CODS Corner. And to say we are solvent is an "Under-estimation"..... \$923.82 in our bank account.

I think we should think strongly about putting a portion of this money to good use; say a library contribution, bulbs to Franklin Park in their new mass plantings, bulbs for the herbicide program at Ohio State University, or any ideas you may have to put this money to best advantage. Ruth Pardue has accepted the chairmanship of this committee, so please submit any idea you might have to her and her committee for consideration.

We have our Mid-west Regional Show coming up and Naomi will need your help.

This is the time we dream of and look forward to each year shows to attend and exhibit in, explore our garden at Whetstone Park, visit each others gardens to see the new varieties, look for members' gardens open to the public in April, go into our gardens and say "My word, what's that gorgeous bloom over there", pairs of wet shoes and muddy boots in the entrance way to the garden, what joy DAFFODIL-O-MANIA!!!!!!

Come into the daffodil season with great anticipation and you'll enjoy, enjoy, enjoy.

Your President, "Tag" Bourne

A TRIBUTE TO HELEN K. RICHARDSON

In 1962, J. Lionel Richardson, would have celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Daffodil raiser. According to the 1965 RHS Daffodil and Tulip Yearbook he was much concerned as to what would happen to his bulbs after his death. He never for one moment dreamed of his wife taking over the business. This great lady of Prospect House, Helen K. Richardson, did so in October of 1961 because she knew of his fears of 50 years of labor being scattered to the winds.

Many of us met Nell Richardson when she visited Columbus in April of 1971 and again in 1974. She was the epitome of a great English lady, with much knowledge of the daffodil

world, which she so generously shared with all of us. I remember her kind eyes and gracious smile.

She was a competent arranger of mass exhibits in RHS shows, she was presented the Peter Barr Memorial Cup in 1960, brought many flowers for exhibits to America and she went to great pains to find cultivars we required of her. From all reports she was an elegant hostess when daffodil enthusiasts came to Prospect House, she ran her home with great style, she had a fine herd of Jersey cattle and took complete charge of their farm. She continued the string of Gold Medals, Engleheart Cups and Award of Merits started by Mr. Richardson.

She had to have great courage to do the many things she undertook. For 15 years after Mr. Richardson's death she continued his business and gave us many new cultivars from Waterford.

We mourn her death in December of 1978, but how fortunate we were to have had the great experience of knowing her, sharing her knowledge and friendship. Each time we go into our gardens and see the daffodils Nell and Lionel Richardson gave to us, we will remember.

"Tag" Bourne

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While reading Daffodils 1978* it seemed that many of the same cultivars were winning again and again. Empress of Ireland 1W-W took first at least fifteen times. It was best bloom at the Portadown and Grand Champion at the Harrogate Show. The Empress is very low down on my list of whites, but you can't deny its winning ability overseas last year. Newcastle 1W-Y and Strines 2Y-Y were two others that won several times; Strines taking top honors at the Gilnahirk, Dundonald, Cregagh Show in Ireland. White Star 1W-W again did very well, winning best bloom at the RHS Late Show and at Omagh. A newly introduced flower, Loch Lundrie 2Y-R won best bloom at the RHS Early Show and reserve bloom at the late show. This is one of John's Lea's new flowers and it will probably be a while before it is affordable. Another Lea flower, Loch Hope 2Y-R was the reserve bloom at the RHS Early Show. A good year for Lea flowers at the London Shows. Some others that won several classes are Charity May 6Y-Y, Merlin 3W-YR, (best of show at Hillsborough) Verona 3W-W, Rockall 3W-R, Avenger 2W-R, Ben Hee 2W-W, Broomhill 2W-W, and Golden Aura 2Y-Y (best bloom in the Solihull Show.) It was surprising to see Doubtful 3Y-R doing so well and very pleasing to see Mitsch's Daydream 2Y-W winning. Unique 4W-WYY, the flower many of us purchased from our bulb sale, showed up as a winner a few times. We will all have something to look forward to with this flower. Irish Light 2Y-R was best bloom at Enniskillen, Rose Royale 2W-P at the Bangor Show, and believe it or not Ruth, White Prince 1W-W was reserve bloom at the same show. The old boy is coming of age!

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Naomi Liggett

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The After-Show Dinner will be held at Riccardo's, 1460 Oakland Park on April 28th at 7:30 p.m. Individual orders from the menu. Call Pat Miller if you plan to attend.

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I would like to share a portion of a letter to Cecile from Richard Poffenbaugh, one of our newer members. He teaches at Mansfield Senior High School.

"To encourage home planting, I had each student select a bag of his choice to take home and plant. We sorted the bulbs by classification in class and tallied a total of 135 bulbs.

I do appreciate your interest in my work and it is people like you who make my work with young people very rewarding. This past week we purchased a few bulbs for indoor forcing. We did this last year and it turned out to be a very successful project.

I am in the process of taking slides of the activities in our course and hope to put them together in the form of a slide program about our horticulture course. For example, I intend to show the students preparing the beds, planting the bulbs, and then next spring take slides of the blooming tulips, daffodils, etc. We are most fortunate to be located within one block of Kingwood Center which enables us to work closely with members of their staff."

This would be an excellent place for sharing excess bulbs this year. These young people need to be rewarded for their excellent work and are our future ADS members. Congratulations to Mr. Poffenbaugh on his interest and fine work. I hope he will share his slide program with us.

Tag Bourne

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ADS Judges School II will be held April 22, 1979 at 8:15 a.m. at the Wegerzyn Garden Center; 1301 Siebenthaler Avenue; Dayton, Ohio 45414. The cost is \$5.00 for the school and \$2.00 for the examination. Subjects to be covered are cultural practices, miniatures and point scoring, judging ethics, and point scoring specimen blooms. Registration may be made with Mrs. Alfred Hanenkrat; 266 Floyd Avenue; Dayton, Ohio 45415. You do not have to have had Course I to take Course II.

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New additions to the Miniature List:

Atom 6Y-Y Likely Lad 1Y-Y Fairy Chimes 5Y-Y Pledge 1W-W Zip 6Y-Y

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Now that show time is drawing near, have you been wondering if this year you would have that one flower that would take the big bauble---the Gold Ribbon? (best standard daffodil in show) Let's review the past CODS' shows.

The first two years, 1972,1973, were Wilson years and also the years of the whites. Easter Moon 2W-GWW and Angel 3W-GWW were the winners. The next two years Richardson flowers took over, Corofin 3W-YYR and Court Martial 2Y-R. The next three saw Dunlop, Evans and Mitsch flowers each winning once - 1976 Downpatrick 1W-Y, 1977 Foxfire 2W-GWP, and 1978 Aircastle 3W-Y. All but one of the seven were introduced before 1961, the exception being Foxfire 1968. The oldest is Corofin which is 35 years old. That's older than most of us!

All but two are available commercially (Angel and Easter Moon) and inexpensive with the exception of Foxfire which is selling for five dollars. But you must remember it is the newest and on the other hand the oldest, Corofin, is the cheapest at 60¢. Divisions 2 and 3 won three times, whereas Division I only made it once.

So in summary, your best bet would be a flower from either Divisions 2 or 3, with a white perianth, and not one of the newer more expensive ones. Now, watch the judges prove me wrong!

Naomi Liggett

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The Nominating Committee is happy to present the following slate of officers:

President - Pat Miller

Vice President - Gretchen Stegmeier

Secretary - Marilyn Fitch

Treasurer - Jean Wright

Virginia Whalen, Chairman; Handy Hatfield; Marty Schmidt

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CODS welcomes Bev Campbell, 6097 Sandgate Road, 43229 as a new member. She is a busy person - student judge National Council, President of Sogetsu Branch of Ohio, Columbus Council, plus. Barbara Cuilwik, 970 Buffridge Drive, Worthington 43085, is also a new member. She saw our publicity in the Dispatch, attended our February meeting, liked what she saw and joined. Welcome! Its nice to know publicity works.

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While visiting Charlestown, South Carolina last October, I decided to send a few postcards. One that caught my eye immediately was one showing flower women outside the Charlestown Post Office selling flowers. What else but daffodils! Great exposure for our favorite flower. The card said--- "every season these ladies offer flowers of the Low Country for sale and this view shows their Spring time flowers and magnolia leaves." No mention of daffodils. Question---were they grown in the Low Country? By the way the unidentified daffodils appeared to be a 2Y-OOR.

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February 6th Meeting

Ruth reported she had met with the people at Whetstone Park and now has a written document saying we can do anything we want with the bulbs there as long as we leave 3 bulbs of each cultivar. Beds 1 and 2 and maybe 3 will be dug this year. Franklin Park Conservatory & Garden Center would like to plant some daffodils in formal beds. CODS members voted to give a trophy honoring Mary Lou Gripshover. It will be for the best American bred standard or miniature in the entire show and commence with the 1980 Show. It was moved and passed that a committee be appointed to handle future trophies. Grace Baird, Chairman, Marilyn Fitch and Naomi Liggett were appointed by President Bourne.

March 13th Meeting

The Society voted to make Phil Phillips of Otorohanga, New Zealand an honorary member of CODS. Mr. Phillips has shown great interest in the work we are doing, especially the Display Garden. He took the time to make an extra trip to the Garden last year and help Ruth and Mary Lou correct some of the misnamed flowers. He also sent a very generous donation of bulbs for the Garden that will be planted this fall.

Members' gardens on the Open Garden Tour April 22 are: Lura Emig, Handy Hatfield, Ruth Pardue and Grace Innis.

Tag appointed a committee to study how CODS could best spend its excess monies. Ruth Pardue Chairman, Sue Harsh, Bev Campbell, and Cecile Spitz.

The Boston Pops reservation address in Narcissus Notes is incorrect. It should be 46 Fairgreen Place; Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167.

It was voted to give a yearly ADS membership to Franklin Park Conservatory and Garden Center and a subscription to CODS Corner.

Following the business meeting Tag gave her slide presentation on Poeticus Daffodils. When completed this slide program will be presented to AdS. Those not attending the meeting certainly missed one of our best and most informative meetings! We were pleased to have Nancy Scholz as a guest.

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Much help will be needed to stage the Regional Show April 28, 29. Set-up will be at 1:00 p.m. lower level of the Municipal Building. The tubes, etc. will be taken over on Thursday, so please plan to pick up your supply at my house before this day. Please call first. If you have any extra Taxus, bring it Friday when we set-up or early Saturday morning. Entry tags will be available from Cecile Spitz, 451-5669 or on Friday.

Don't forget the Designs need a reservation by March 24th.

Everyone is again asked to bring something to the Pot-Luck Luncheon to be held at 11:00 a.m. on the 28th. If you have any questions call Gretchen Stegmeier, Chairman or Pat Miller her assistant, 451-5757 and 451-9412

With Grace and Wells overseas and Mary Lou in Tennessee our entries could be down, so make an extra effort to bring as many as you can. Good luck!

TEAR DOWN AT 5:00 p.m. ON SUNDAY. ALL MEMBERS TO HELP!

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Letters have been written to Evans, Daffodil Mart, Mitsch, Carncairn, MJB, Rathowen, Mueller and Abel Smith regarding bulbs for our sale. Replies have not been received from all the sources. Final details will be available at the May Meeting. We have been assured of 2 miniatures from Evans and a possibility of 2 poets. I am also trying to get a relatively new medium-priced cultivar for just CODS members.

Tag Bourne, Bulb Chr.

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I wondered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;

All of us are familiar with the above portion of William Wordsworth's poem entitled Daffodils. But methinks Mr. Wordsworth would turn over in his grave if he saw what I recently found it imprinted on a pair of bikini underwear. Well, maybe not truly bikini but hipsters since it was over five inches at the side seams. Of course with the quote imprinted on the posterior, it wouldn't fit on some of the briefer versions. The background was green with a large cloud on which the quote appeared plus two smaller clouds. The rest of the material was covered with the flower heads of what could be asturiensis. Now for the front... two large trumpets and bud with appropriate foliage and Daffodils written on the left portion. Oh, I forgot the elastic is white and they were manufactured by "Be*Free" and made of Encron-Golden Touch polyester by Enka.

After this glorious description, don't you all want a pair? Forgot.. the price \$1.49. Who else offers so many daffodils for such a small outlay!

Naomi Liggett

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SWAPS:

Cecile Spitz - Bold Lad 2Y-0, Privateer 3W-0, Salmon Spray 2W-P, White Charm 2W-W (Will exchange bulbs of equal value)
Tag Bourne - N. asturiensis 10Y-Y
Naomi Liggett- Engadine 3W-GWW, Kitten 6Y-0, Homage 2W-GWW, Opalescent 2W-PPY, Personality 2W-Y

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Don't forget all the area daffodil shows. Check your program books for dates and places.

NEXT MEETING: May 15, 1979 at U.A. Municipal Services Bldg at 7:30 p.m.
Program: Grace Baird "Divisions 1,2,3's That Do well in My Garden"

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There flames the first gay daffodil,
Where winter-long the snows have lain!
Ruth Guthrie Harding - Daffodils